

Matter 7 Locating development in the right place

Cllr Phil King | Respondent 2511 | 15 October 2026

I submit these comments in my individual capacity as District Councillor for Kibworths Ward and Leicestershire County Councillor for Gartree Division. I am not acting as an official representative of either Harborough District Council or Leicestershire County Council; these are my own representations.

Original representations 13369, 13345, 13350 and 13356

Questions addressed in ID9

Issue 1 Questions 1, 3 and 6; Issue 2 Question 1 and the site questions identified below

AP01 Issue 1 Questions 1 3 and 6

1. I maintain my objection to the hierarchy and treatment of the Kibworth villages. AP01 should clearly identify settlement limits and explain the relationship between allocations, adjoining development and countryside. Classification should not obscure local constraints or justify continuing expansion without assessing its cumulative effects. I seek a clear, evidence-led hierarchy and policy application consistent with settlement character and infrastructure capacity.

OA1 Issue 2 Question 1 and site Questions 1 2 6 9 10 11 and 13

2. I maintain my concern about access and cumulative effects. The Council should demonstrate the feasibility of its access strategy and its relationship with GG1 and the wider corridor. Future masterplanning should implement essential outcomes already established by the plan.

3. The evidence should identify which infrastructure OA1 requires independently and which requires joint delivery. It must explain the outcome if linked sites proceed at different times. Housing delivery should reflect credible transport and education dependencies. I seek clearer requirements and revised scale or phasing if delivery cannot be demonstrated.

GG1 Issue 2 Question 1 and site Questions 1 2 and 4

4. I maintain my objection to GG1, including the adequacy of strategic alternatives and the changed expressway context. Coordination with OA1 must be practical and effective under separate applications and different delivery programmes.

5. The Council should explain access, cumulative mitigation, the relationship between the masterplans and delivery of necessary school capacity. Essential mitigation must remain achievable if OA1 is delayed. The allocation should be reconsidered where acceptable effects and infrastructure cannot be demonstrated. My comments concern the Local Plan allocation north of London Road, not a separate application south of London Road.

K1 Issue 2 Question 1 and site Question 1

6. I maintain my objection to K1. ID9 asks directly about congestion, road safety and air quality. The Council should demonstrate safe access and realistic performance of the narrow signal-controlled railway bridge, alongside cumulative K1, K2 and corridor impacts.

7. The supplementary report considered by Leicestershire County Council's Cabinet on 13 October 2026, paragraphs 36 to 47 and 59, reinforces the need to test these allocations against the unresolved transport strategy, education delivery arrangements and realistic funding. Submission of a planning application for Land South of Gartree Road does not itself establish the allocation's infrastructure deliverability.

8. The schedule's broad delivery periods must be tied to the trajectory and impact thresholds. I seek a policy securing essential mitigation at the necessary stage and reconsideration of the allocation if that cannot be achieved. My bypass and transport comments under Matter 6 apply here without treating the need for a bypass as a technical conclusion already accepted by the Panel. [HDC11A, TR8, TR20, TR22 and TR23; HDC14, paragraphs 6.12–6.19; HDC18, Tables 9 and 13.]

Evidence references

ID9 Stage 2 Matters Issues and Questions, 21 September 2026. Supplementary report on Harborough District Local Plan considered by Leicestershire County Council's Cabinet on 13 October 2026, paragraphs and appendices cited above. HDC11A Infrastructure Delivery Schedule; HDC14 Transport Topic Paper Part Two; HDC18 Education Delivery Strategy; ID9 Matter 7 allocation questions.

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